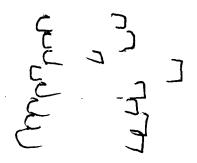


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## MEMORANDUM OF MEETING 10 SEFTEMBER 1949



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then raised the question of propaganda and said that in his opinion the most important thing is to get the radio station set up as quickly as possible because it affords us the opportunity outside of Albania to quote Free Albania radio in leaflets. He suggested that we see if the British boat they talked to him about is available.





If it is we would have to send over equipment for it. If this boat is not available immediately we should buy one to get the station operating. He thinks chartering is not feasible because the boat has to be altered for equipment, and the owners would wish to provide the captain and crew.

because of the talk in ports when it changes hands and is rebuilt in any way.

There followed a good deal of discussion on the manner in which the beat would be acquired, whether a dumny company of silent French partners would be set up, it would be under British camership, etc.

Traised the question as to who would buy the boat, whether the Committee shouldn't do it.

Said it would have to be done for them and suggested a French company be formed and the Committee would operate through this company which would know only that it worked for the Committee, with the exception of one person who would have to know what the boat actually was.

Expressed the opinion that from the security point of view it didn't really matter on the destion of cover as long as the boat didn't actually the shore of Albania; that the most successful cover would be to make the boat illegal in its activities. Eventually any cover will wear thin and a change made. The cover story will have to depend on the boat.

The question of where the boat would be based was materal. said he thought the best place to base it was Trieste. [ said that it wouldn't be possible to disguise what she is doing and that it would be a matter of days before the activities were known due to the equipment. Osaid we couldn't develop a cover story withil we know what the boat is; in any case the only extend sign would be the antennas and communications say they have overcome that problem. The question of cover should not be allowed to interfere with the necessity for getting this radio operating at once. Teptani can be used for the job with the radio station. Perhaps the story can be that the boat is working with AMAG and will operate only in Greek waters. Admiral Shormen could be asked to have Navy radio technicians install the radio equipment. said he had discussed this question with Sherman, who saw no difficulty in having the Navy do any repairs necessary and install whatever equipment is needed. If the Navy personnel working on it raise questions they can be told the boat belongs to AMAG. The work could even be done at sea. The equipment needed could be shipped to JUSHAG, loaded on the boat and then the boat would go to wherever the Navy would do the work.

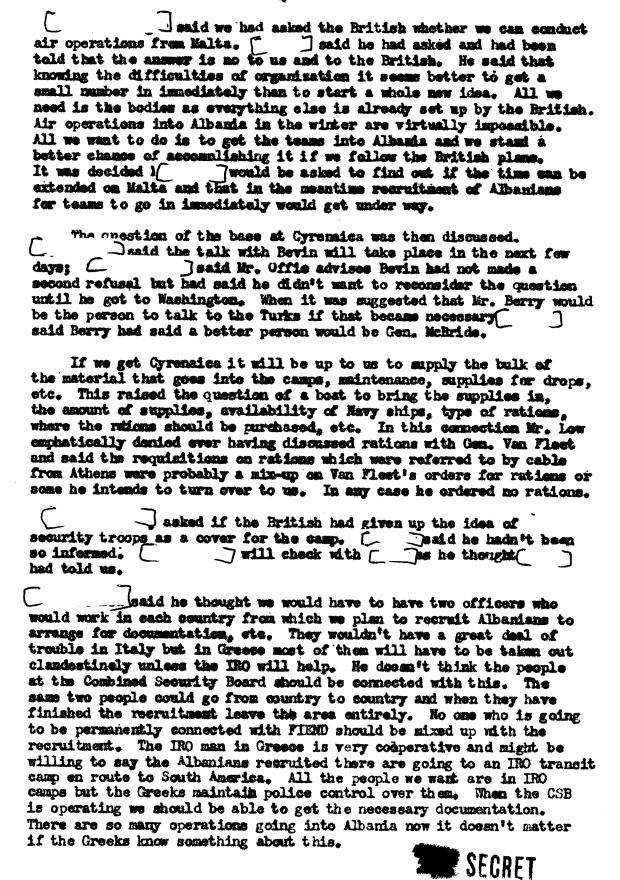




Discussion of all aspects of the boat followeds possible cremma relation of Committee, size, desirability of purchasing or chartering, where the material to be broadcast would be prepared. the degree to \_\_suggested which the boat will be self-contained, etc. [ putting the bost at secwith nothing but long-wave relay and using VHF transmitter from the shore to the ship to provide the material to be used in the propaganda broadcasts, with the shore installation on I thought that would be possible. Corre ( agreed it would be a good plan and asked if it would be presible to have Corfe the notional headquarters of the Committee. the Sanaittee can't be tied to either Greece or Italy. thought an hour a day would be enough to broadcast; the boat could be based on one of the lonnian Islands during the winter, going out and broadcasting and then going back into port. said he thought the relay idea might be the answer. Cover on Corre could probably be set up through ANAG. The ECA is starting a program of revival of industry on Greek islands. raised the question of the great cost of operating the type of boat which seemed to be called for in this operation. said you can buy in Bari today a schooner for L 4000, or 112-foot Fairwile in England for L 6000-8000 and that the question was now badly we want the radio station. I then said he thought aircraft would be much more suitable for the operation. Discussion followed and it was decided that if the equipment will fit into a plane it is a far better means. will find out about the equipment. brought up the matter of providing the British with the gold severeigns they have requested. I said he saw no objection and it was agreed by all that the severeigns should be obtained for the British. [ ]will get them to[ and it will be the problem of the British to get them out of Italy. is to be authorized to give the sovereigns to [ ] Then said that the British will take our people on Halta on the understanding that they intend to close up between 15 and 30 I said he had been advised by ( October. L the British wished us to restrict our personnel on Malta to hum ag there is no guise under which Americans can appear there. he thought it would be a great mistake not to put teams into the middle of Albania so that Kryesiu and Kupi would be kept happy. We could do it if we put in only ten men. He suggested that as soon as Kupi and Kryeziu arrive they be told they must provide five men each immediately for this. Gogo could do it for Kupi. [ suggested we ask the British to extend the time limit to December 1.









Jeaid on the question of propaganda he thought the Committee needs two paid propagandists, one in Europe to handle any press relations and to continue to feed stories to the various papers and conduct the Committee around. He recommended Michael Wilson.

That no derogatory information on him and

Twill be asked to check him here.

On the Committee headquarters in New York, they will have to have an office. \_\_\_\_\_ said that Frasheri and Nuci Ketta could remain in New York. He thought it would be operationally helpful too because the Committee couldn't make any decisions if they are split up. The Committee should be told their official correspondence will be handled by pouch but even then they are sure to write voluminously to each other. Before the Committee arrives it should be decided what they are to be told about the seat of the Committee, funds available, etc. We should go through a fund raising as a matter of cover.

said he felt the question of Dosti or Skendi should be regularized before the Committee discusses their status with DeWitt Pools. This will be taken up with Mr. Markham later in the day.

The problem of getting Franheri to go visit Zog came up, was discussed but no decision arrived at.

will explain the mix-up about Dosti to the Committee. He requested that a statement be prepared for the Committee on the establishment of their New York office. He said the Committee will bring up the question of a newspaper printed in Albanian. It was decided such a paper was desirable and that it should be printed in the U.S.







